

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



12th February 2021

## WE MADE IT!

Not only has it been a very strange term for everyone but the weather this week made everything that little bit different too! Children in school had great amusement in the snow and I have seen photos on Dojo of fun been had at home too! Thank you to Mr Aldridge for working so hard to clear the snow and make the site safe for us each day!

We have had some excellent news that St Matthew's has been awarded the Music Mark in recognition of the wonderful music provision and learning that happens here. Thank you to Mrs Morton, Mrs Brierley and all the staff for everything they do to enhance this important part of the curriculum and I look forward to having the whole school together singing, whenever it is safe to do so!

I have really enjoyed watching the dancing videos that have been sent to Mrs Hookway. All of the children who have sent one in will receive a certificate. Four of them have been entered into a competition with the Sports Partnership so we will wait and see how they get on. Good luck everyone!

Thank you to those parents who came and collected the packs that had been prepared by staff for those pupils who are learning at home. It was lovely to get messages of gratitude and thanks from parents. **As some of you have still not been able to come and collect it, there will be a final opportunity to come and pick it up on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 9.00-12.00pm.**

## HALF TERM.

Everyone has worked incredibly hard this term and has adapted so quickly. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to every member of our school community for everything they have done. The staff have been amazing and have given everything for the children this term. The children, both in school and at home, have worked very hard and accepted the new way of working. Parents and carers, you too have been fantastic managing to juggle everything and support the home learning. We are all tired and this week we noticed a decline in the engagement at home. I urge everyone, staff included, to take a complete break from school work next week! Spend quality time with family, relax and recharge those batteries ready to tackle the learning in earnest on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will then find out more about what will happen on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**TERM 4 BEGINS 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB**



**FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL**



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.



## School News

<b>YR</b>	We have had so much fun in the snow this week! We've learnt about the different shapes of snowflakes and we have described how snow feels as well as making snow angels and snow men. We have read the story 'The Hundred Decker Bus' by Mike Smith and tasted food from different countries and thought about where we would like to travel to.
<b>Y1</b>	We embraced the learning that we could do with the snow this week. We experimented with colour mixing, looked at animal tracks and discussed which creatures made them and wrote our phonics words on the snowy playground. In Discovery, we were introduced to Samuel Pepys and his diary.
<b>Y2</b>	This week, we completed our work about Jamaica. We have learnt about life there, including information about schools and jobs. We have found out about Jamaica's climate and have learnt about the food that is eaten and grown there. It has been a really interesting country to learn about and has added a bit of sunshine into our grey English winter!
<b>Y3</b>	This week Year 3 have moved on to money in Maths. We have been learning to add coins together to make different totals and we have found that our times tables knowledge has really helped us! We have also been very creative when designing and making 'thinking hats' to help us answer the questions in our end of term quiz! Well done to all of the Y3 pupils!
<b>Y4</b>	Y4 have finished reading the Iron Man and we have written some fantastic persuasive writing and created our own board games with an Iron Man theme! Those in school have been using their silhouette pictures and decorating them with all of their favourite things to create a 'personality self-portrait'.
<b>Y5</b>	This week we have been investigating area and we have learnt lots of new mathematical terms. In Literacy, we have been grossing ourselves out writing instructions how to make a monster's pizza. They all sound brilliantly disgusting! We also enjoyed looking at the geography of High Brooms since 1888.
<b>Y6</b>	Year 6 have been enjoying some lovely daily mindfulness activities: They created a gratitude tree, a happiness rainbow and made a breathing wand. They published their 'How to Train your Dragon' writing and made a safer Internet poster.

## School lunches w/c 22.2.21

### MONDAY

**Sausage, mash +beans**  
1,8

**Veg samosa + rice** 1

### TUESDAY

**Chicken pie +roast potatoes** 1

**Veg stew +dumplings**  
1,10

### WEDNESDAY

**Mexican pork tacos + rice**

**Macaroni cheese** 1,9,11

### THURSDAY

**Beef lasagne** 1,7,9

**Jacket potato with cheese/beans/ tuna mayo** 9,4,7

### FRIDAY

**Beef burger + chips**

1,10,11,14

**Quorn dipper + chips**

1,7,9